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## Update on 2020 Annual Meeting of the Members

On July 28, 2020, RCEC Board of Trustees met for the purpose of conducting typical, monthly agenda items. One of these agenda items was the discussion of the cooperative’s Annual Meeting of the Members. As you’ll recall, on March 23, 2020, New Mexico Department of Health Secretary Kathy Kunkel announced a new public health emergency order effective at 8 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, closing all businesses and nonprofit entities except for those deemed essential, and further restricting mass gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of this order, RCEC had no choice but to put their 2020 Annual Meeting of the Members on hold. To date, this order is still in place and therefore RCEC is unable to reschedule this meeting. The trustees again discussed cooperative Bylaws pertaining to the Annual Meeting including Section 4.04 – Tenure. This particular section of the Bylaws includes provisions for the failure to hold an election of trustees and states that failure to hold an election would allow the incumbents whose trusteeships would have been voted on to hold over until the next member meeting at which a quorum is present. Within Section 3.01 of the Bylaws it is stated that “failure to hold the annual meeting at the designated time and place shall not work a forfeiture or dissolution of the cooperative”. In order to establish a quorum, 2% of the cooperative’s members must be present and accounted for. This would require that more than 50 members of the cooperative be allowed to meet and conduct cooperative business therefore the present public health order would have to be modified or lifted in order to schedule a special meeting and establish a quorum. In lieu of formally announcing a canceling of this meeting for 2020, the trustees have opted to table the discussion for a future monthly meeting.

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## RCEC Wants You To Know....

RCEC would like to pause and say, “thank you” to all our members who are experiencing similar frustrations associated with this pandemic but taking the time to follow the CDC guidelines and NM Public Health Order requirements that allow us to keep our doors open.

As many of you have noticed, we have had to make some modifications here at the office in order to comply with the rules and regulations placed upon us that include new plexiglass shields at each customer service representative’s station, social distancing markers on the floor, limited occupancy, frequent disinfecting and most importantly, the requirement that everyone entering the building is properly wearing facial covering.

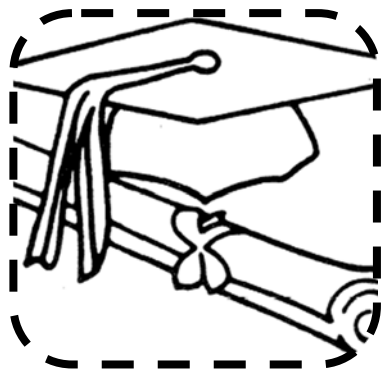
RCEC has made it simple for those who may not have appropriate facial covering to pick up a complimentary, disposable mask at the door upon entry. We also have hand sanitizer readily available for your immediate use. We encourage our employees to stay home if they are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and to seek medical care. We would ask the same of our members in order to prevent the spread of this horrible virus.

For our members who are unable to wear facial coverings due to medical reasons, we offer convenient online bill pay, take payments over the phone and have a night drop box located at the main entrance. We appreciate your cooperation and compliance with these safety measures and pray that each and every one of you stays healthy.

If everyone does their part to prevent the spread of this virus, we can get back to some form of normal so that people can return to their places of work, kids can return to school and we can again move about and spend time with our friends and loved ones.

## 2020 Scholarship Recipients

Once again, we’d like to congratulate all of our 2020 High School and Returning College Student Scholarship recipients! Just a reminder that in order to receive your scholarship, you need to bring your class schedule to the RCEC office located at 121 N. Main Street, Portales or email them to [castilloj@rcec.coop](mailto:castilloj@rcec.coop). The schedule needs to include the school & student name, student ID number, and the student must be enrolled in 12 or more hours (full load) of classes. We will pay out the 1st half of the scholarship in the fall of 2020 and the 2nd half in the spring of 2021 after you’ve met all the requirements. Checks will be mailed out sometime after drop & add in late August and early September. Give Janice a call at 575-356-4491 if you have questions.



## Products & Services

- Free 40 gallon conventional water heaters with conversion from gas
- Surge protection programs
- New Construction Rebates
- 3% Interest Energy Efficiency loans
- High School & College Scholarships
- Youth Tour contest
- Electrical safety demonstrations
- Electric heating/water heater rates

## Non-Residential Deposits

Delinquent nonresidential accounts without a continuing letter of guaranty from financial institution are required to pay a deposit equal to 25% of the delinquent bill. On 3rd consecutive delinquency, a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing will be assessed.

## Residential Deposits

For residential consumers a deposit equal to 1/6th of the estimated annual billing is required if the account becomes delinquent three or more times in one year. After that year, the deposit may be refunded and applied to the next month’s bill provided the account has not been delinquent in that year. If a service is disconnected, the deposit is applied to the final bill if all requirements have been met.

## Calendar of Events

Regular Board meeting.....25th

## Job Anniversaries

Colt Banister.....2 yrs.  
Tillman Stevens.....1 yr.  
Chris Valdez.....1 yr.

